DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes, in the case of short acting appointments. The provision is conditional and has not yet been put into force. The member is referred to page 40 of the Administration Report of the Public Service Department for 1112 M. E.

Alleppey-Thanneermukkom road.

289 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Alleppey-Thanneermukkom road;

(*b*) the length already completed;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation from the Co-operative Society No. 1670 at any time for the immediate completion of the same;

(*d*) when the construction began; and

(*e*) why completion is delayed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 13 miles and 6 furlongs.

(*b*) 6 miles and 3 furlongs *i. e.*, 3 miles and 3 furlongs at Alleppey end and 3 miles at Thanneermukkom end (from Thanneermukkom to Puthen *thodu*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In 1110 M. E.

(*e*) Some sections of the road have been completed and some are in progress, while estimate is under preparation in the case of the remaining.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the honourable member how long was the estimate under preparation with reference to answer (*b*)?

MR. G. B. TRUSCOTT: The estimate was prepared in 1935

Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

290 *MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received complaints about Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know the main trend of these complaints?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The main trend of the complaint is that they not satisfied with the rule.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether rule 45 prevents confirmation on the ratio of the selective test that is 6 to 4?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I cannot confirm a man in any post which is done by the head of a department.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether this ratio is kept in confirmations which have already been made?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Confirmation is made by the Departmental heads and not by myself.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Public Service Commissioner has recommended to Government any rules regarding confirmation?

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DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes. I gave a detailed proposal some months ago by which confirmation can be made according to seniority and on the order of merit.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): May I know how the different heads of departments can know about the seniority of the candidates?

DR. G. D. NOKES: If they have any doubt, information may be given to them.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is there any circular making it incumbent upon the head of the department to take and act up to the advise of the Public Service Commissioner?

DR. G. D. NOKES: There is a Government order to that effect.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether persons who were numbered 8, 5, and 180 in the result of the competitive examination were confirmnd in the Registration Department or out of service?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Over 200 candidates were appointed who have passed the selective test examination.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether persons from the second bach is recommended for appointment before the first btach is complete?

DR. G. D. NOKES: No.

MR. E P. VARGHESE: Whether instances are brought to the notice of the Public Service Commissioner about partiality in the matter of confirmation with reference to Nos. 2, 85 and 180?

DR. G. D. NOKES: No.

Trade Agent at Bombay.

291 * MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the extent of the financial commitments incurred by the Government through their Trade Agent at Bombay?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: There are no financial commitments as such incurred by Government through their Trade Agent at Bombay. The Government Sales Depot at Bombay holds stocks of goods worth about Rs. 1,573 on consignment accounts from different traders in Travancore and goods worth about Rs. 5,232 from various Government institutions.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from Government whether they have received complaints regarding the financial dealings of the Trade Agent?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from Government whether it has been brought to their notice that large amounts of money have to be realised from the Trade Agent by way of price of articles supplied to him for sale?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is the complaint.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know to what amount it may come?

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